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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: CANAL ZONE OVERFLIGHT TIMES

REF: WISE-AMBASSADOR JORDEN TELECON OF MAY 29

1. THE FOLLOWING ITINERARIES REPRESENT POSSIBLE OPTIONS
FOR A PRESIDENTIAL OVERFLIGHT OF THE PANAMA CANAL IN THE
VH-1N HELICOPTER AND VH-3D HELICOPTER. VIEWING OF THE
CANAL WOULD BE BETTER FROM THE VH-1N, HOWEVER, A MORE COM-
PLETE TOUR OF THE CANAL AND ITS FACILITIES COULD BE MADE
IN THE FASTER VH-3D HELICOPTER.

2. 35-MINUTE FLIGHT BY VH-1N (HUEY) HELICOPTER:
QUARRY HEIGHTS/ALBROOK;
BALBOA AND PORT FACILITIES;
FT. AMADOR;
AMADOR CAUSEWAY AND PORTIONS OF THE SHIP ANCHORAGE AREA;
HOWARD:FT. KOBE/FARFAN COMPLEX;
RODMAN NAVAL STATION;
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COROZAL/FT. CLAYTON AREA;
MIRAFLORES LOCKS;
PEDRO MIGUEL LOCKS/PARAISO;
CANAL CUT TO GAMBOA;
MOUTH OF GATUN LACK; AND
RETURN FOR LANDING AT MIRAFLORES LOCKS

3. 35-MINUTE FLIGHT BY VH-3D HELICOPTER:

SAME AS 35-MINUTE HUEY FLIGHT EXCEPT THE CENTRAL PANAMA CITY AREA COULD BE LOOKED AT MORE EXTENSIVELY, THE LEPROSARIUM COULD BE VIEWED AND MADDEN DAM COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE OVERFLIGHT.

4. 50-MINUTE FLIGHT IN VH-1N HELICOPTER:

THE ROUTE OF FLIGHT WOULD BE THE SAME AS A 35-MINUTE VH-3D FLIGHT.

5. 50-MINUTE FLIGHT BY VH-3D HELICOPTER:

IN THE FASTER VH-3D PRESIDENTIAL HELICOPTER, THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY WOULD BE ABLE TO OVERFLY THE FOLLOWING AREAS AS WELL AS OVERFLYING THE CANAL TO THE ATLANTIC SIDE. I.E.,

QUARRY HEIGHTS/ALBROOK;
BALBOA AND PORT FACILITIES;
FT. AMADOR;
AMADOR CAUSEWAY AND PORTIONS OF THE SHIP ANCHORAGE AREA;
HOWARD/FT. KOBBE/FARFAN COMPLEX;
RODMAN NAVAL STATION;
COROZAL/FT. CLAYTON AREA;
MIRAFLORES LOCKS;
PEDRO MIGUEL LOCKS/PARAISO;
CANAL CUT TO GAMBOA;
GATUN LAKE;
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FT. GULICK;
COLON;
FT. SHERMAN;
GATUN DAM;
GALETA ISLAND;
CRISTOBAL/PIER COMPLEX;
ATLANTIC ANCORAGE;
GATUN LOCKS; AND
LANDING AT MIRAFLORES LOCKS. JORDEN

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